

REMARKS

Request for Reconsideration

Applicant has carefully considered the matters raised by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action but remains of the position that patentable subject matter is present. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's position based on the claim amendments and following remarks.

Request for 1 Month Extension of Time

Applicant hereby requests a 1 Month Extension of Time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A proper fee for the extension is paid with this online filing.

Claims Status and its Amendments

Claims 1 and 3 are pending in this Application.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2, and claim 2 has been cancelled.

Claims 1 and 3 are further amended to place them into conventional US format.

No new matter is added in these amendments.

Prior Art Rejections based on 35 USC 103

The Examiner rejected claim 1 as being unpatentable over Cook in view of Momose. Further the Examiner has indicated that claims 2 and 3 contain allowable subject matters and are objected as being dependent upon claim 1.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 2 and amended claim 3 to be dependent on amended claim 1. Therefore, it is believed that claim 1 and claim 3 now contain patentable subject matters corresponding to previously presented claims 2 and 3, which have been deemed allowable.

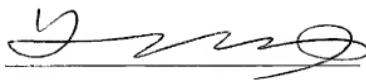
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing and the enclosed, it is respectfully submitted that the Application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any additional fees or extensions of time be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account #02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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